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ASSEMBLY AFFAIRS.

ANNAPOLIS, *February* 26, 1754.

AFTERNOON the General Aſſembly met.

Of the Lower Houſe appeared the Honourable Speaker and 39 other Members.

Two of the Gentlemen of the Lower Houſe, were ſent to acquaint his Excellency the Governor, that a ſufficient Number of Members were met, to compoſe a Houſe. [*Not leſs than* 30 *make a Houſe; the whole Number for the Province is* 58.]

One of the Gentlemen from the Upper Houſe acquainted Mr. Speaker, that his Excellency the Governor required the Attendance of the Lower Houſe immediately in the Upper Houſe.

Mr. Speaker, and the Houſe, went to the Upper Houſe, where his Excellency made a Speech to both Houſes. [*Printed in laſt Week's Gazette.*]

His Excellency delivered ſome Letters which he had received from the Governors at *Boſton*, *New-York*, and *Williamſburg*, as alſo one from the Lords of Trade; and the following Letter from the *French* Officer at the Fort near the *Ohio*, to the Governor of *Virginia*, viz.

Monſieur,

COMME *j'ai l'honneur de Commander ici en Chef, Monſieur* Waſhington *m'a remis la Lettre que vous ecriviez au Commandant des Trouppes* Françoiles. *J'aurois été charmé que vous lui euſſier donné ordre, ou qu'il eût été diſpoſé à ſe rendre en* Canada, *pour voir Monſieur notre General au quel il appartient mieux qu' à moi, de mettre au jour l'evidence, et la realité des droits du Roi mon Maitre ſur les Terres ſçituées le long de la Belle Riviere, et de conteſter les pretentions du Roi de la* Grande Bretagne *à cet egard.*

Je vais a dreſſer votre Lettre à Monſieur le Marquis Duquiſne, *ſa reponſe me ſervira de Loi, et ſ'il m'ordonne de vous la communiquer, je puis vous aſſurer, que je ne negligerai rien pour vous la faire tenir tres promptement.*

Quant à la Sommation que vous me faites de me rtirer, je ne me crois pas dans l'obligation de m'y rendre; quelques que puiſſent être vous Inſtructions, je ſuis ici en vertu des Ordre de mon General, et je vous prie, Monſieur, de ne pas douter un inſtant que je ſuis dans la conſtante Reſolution de m'y conformer avec toute l'exactitude, et la fermeté que l'on peut attendre du meilleur Officier.

J'ignore que dans le cours de cette Campagne il je ſoit rien paſſé qui puiſſe être reputé pour acte d'Hoſtilité, ny qui ſoit contraire aux Traitez qui ſubſiſte entre les deux Couronnes, dont la continuation nous interes, et nous flatte autant que Meſſieurs les Anglois. *S'il vous eût été agreable, Monſieur, d'en venir ſur ce point à un detail particulier des faits qui motivent votre plainte, j'aurois eu l'honneur de vous le repondre de la façon la plus poſitive, et je ſuis perſuadé que vous auriez eu lieu d'etre ſatisfait.*

Je me ſuis fait un devoir particulier de recevoir Monſieur Waſhington *avec la diſtinction qui convient à votre dignité, à ſa qualité, et à ſon grand merite; je puis me flatter qu'il me rendra cette juſtice auprés de vous, Monſieur, et qu'il vous fera connoitre ainſi que moi le Reſpect profond avec le quel, Je ſuis,* Monſieur,

Voire tres humble
et tres obeiſſant Serviteur,
LEGARDEUR DE ST. PIERRE.

Du Fort de la Riviere au Beuf,
15 *Decembre* 1753.

TRANSLATED INTO *ENGLISH.*

SIR,

AS *I have the Honour to Command in Chief here, Mr.* Waſhington *delivered me the Letter which you wrote to the Commander of the* French *Troops. It would have afforded me great Pleaſure, if you had given him Orders, or that he had himſelf been inclined to have proceeded to* Canada, *to ſee our General, to whom it belongs more properly than to me, to put in a clear Light, the Evidence and Reality of the Rights of the King my Maſter to the Lands ſituated on* Belle *River, and to conteſt the Pretenſions of the King of* Great Britain *in this Reſpect.*

I am going to addreſs your Letter to Monſieur the Marquis Duquiſne, *whoſe Anſwer ſhall be a Law to me, and if he orders me to communicate it to you, I can aſſure you, Sir, I will not neglect to tranſmit it to you, with all poſſible Expedition.*

As to the Summons you have given me to withdraw, I do not think myſelf under any Obligation to ſubmit to it; whatever your Inſtructions may be, I am here in Virtue of the Orders of my General, and I beſeech you, Sir, not to entertain the leaſt doubt of my conſtant Reſolution to conform to them, with all the Exactneſs and Firmneſs becoming a better Officer.

I do not know that in the Courſe of this Campaign any Thing has happened, which can be conſtrued an Act of Hoſtility, or contrary to the Treaties which ſubſiſt between the two Crowns, the Continuance of which concerns as much, and is as agreeable to us as to the Engliſh. *If you had been pleaſed, Sir, upon this Occaſion to have entered into a particular Detail of the Facts which are the Motives to your Complaint, I ſhould have had the Honour of anſwering you in the moſt poſitive Manner, and I am perſuaded, that you would have had Room to have been ſatisfied.*

I have made it a particular Duty, to receive Mr. Waſhington *with that Diſtinction which is ſuitable to your Dignity, his own Rank and great Merit; I flatter myſelf that he will do me the Juſtice to acknowledge this to you, and that he will inform you as well as I of the profound Reſpect with which I am,* Sir, &c.

The Houſe Ordered, That a Writ of Election ſhould be iſſued, directed to the Sheriff of *Kent* County, to elect a Member in the Room of Mr. *William Raſin*, who, ſince laſt Seſſion, has accepted the Office of Sheriff of that County.

The Houſe continued the Committees which were laſt Seſſion.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd.

Wedneſday, *February* 27.

The Governor's Speech, and the Letters, were again Read.

An Addreſs to the Governor, was ordered to be prepared.

Poſt Meridiem. Two more Members appeared.

The Addreſs was brought in, read, approved, and ordered to be ingroſſed: And after Ingroſſing, was preſented to his Excellency by Mr. *Key*, and Fourteen other Members. [*Printed in our laſt Gazette.*]

The Houſe adjourn'd.

Thurſday, *February* 28.

Some Letters were laid before the Houſe; which the Committee of Elections and Privileges were ordered to make Enquiry into, and report the Facts to the Houſe.

The Houſe having conſider'd that Part of his Excellency's Speech, which relates to the Governor of *Virginia*'s Letter to him, and alſo the ſaid Letter,

The Queſtion was put, Whether the Houſe will now proceed to grant Supplies for raiſing Men in Purſuance of the aforeſaid Letter, or Not? *Reſolved, Nemine Contradicente*, in the Negative.

On conſidering the Letter from the Lords of Trade and Plantations, the Queſtion was put, Whether a Sum of Money be raiſed to make a Preſent to the Six Nations of *Indians* on their Meeting at *Albany* next *June*, or Not? *Reſolved* in the Affirmative. And a Bill was ordered to be brought in accordingly.

Poſt Meridiem. Five more Members appeared in the Houſe.

The Governor communicated to the Houſe, his Anſwer to their Addreſs of Yeſterday. [*Printed in the laſt Gazette.*]

The Houſe adjourn'd.

Friday, *March* 1.

A Bill was brought in, entituled, *An Act for his Majeſty's Service.*

The Queſtion was put, Whether *One* or *Two* of the Lower Houſe ſhould be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, as Commiſſioners to meet the *Indians* at *Albany*, &c. Carried for *Two*. Yeas 31. Nays 16.

Poſt Meridiem. The Bill,——*For his Majeſty's Service*, was read the firſt and ſecond Time, by Especial Order, Paſſed, and was ſent up.

The Houſe adjourn'd.

Saturday, *March* 2.

A Report from the Committee of Elections and Privileges was brought in. [*The Occaſion of this Report, was ſome Letters laid before the Houſe on* Thurſday, *from one of the Gentlemen of the Houſe, complaining of a Breach of Privilege, in being detain'd from the Houſe by an Arreſt.*] The Report ſets forth, That that Committee had found, that the Gentleman complaining, was arreſted by the Sheriff of *Queen Anne's* County, on or before the ſecond of *February*.

The Houſe concurr'd with the Report.

Poſt Meridiem. The Governor communicated to the Houſe, the following Meſſage, viz.

Gentlemen of the Lower Houſe of Aſſembly,

LEST a Report, which has been propagated here, of the *Virginians* ſhewing the greateſt Backwardneſs in making Proviſion for an Expedition to *Ohio*, ſhould retard your Deliberations on that Affair, I take the Liberty to acquaint you, that I have received certain Information of a Bill's having paſſed both Branches of the Legiſlature of that Province, laſt Saturday, whereby the Sum of Ten Thouſand Pounds was granted, for the Encouragement of Adventurers, in that important Enterprize. HOR°. SHARPE.

Then the Houſe adjourn'd till Monday Morning.

[To be continued in our next.]

LONDON, December 20.

Extract of a Letter from a Gentleman at Huelva *to his Friend at* Cadiz. *Tranſlated from the* Spaniſh.

Dear Sir,

ON the Information of ſome Boatmen, who lay at the Entrance of our Bar, that a ſtrange Veſſel was aground at low Water upon the Shoals, which anſwered the Deſcription of one that had plundered an Iriſh Brig, and murdered the Crew, Peter Velez and Joſeph Morena reſolved to go in a Long Boat and take a View of her: In boarding her, they found her to be a Caravel, or Portugueſe Bark, and that her Crew conſiſted of five Perſons, viz. an Engliſhman, a Negro, a Moor, a Spaniard, and a Portugueſe, who was the Commander. This mixt Crew gave them great Suſpicions; therefore, by pretending to offer them ſome Refreſhment in their Boat, they endeavoured to ſeparate them, but thro' their extreme Caution, found it ineffectual; and after getting a Sight of their Bill of Health, and Paſſport, ſigned by Don D. M. Corte Real, Secretary to the Marine of the King of Portugal, left them.

This Diſcovery, and the great Number of Fire Arms they had on board, ſerved only to confirm the Boatmen that they were the Pirates they had received Intelligence of. Accordingly two Long-Boats were fitted out, with two ſmall Guns, four Blunderbuſſes, and ſome Muſkets, with which they began to fire the Inſtant the Caravel was hoiſting Sail, in order to eſcape. However, the Wind and Current keeping them in with the Shore, they were under a Neceſſity of ſtanding an Engagement, which continued three Hours, when one of the Long Boats, by a lucky Shot, brought their Main maſt by the Board, and her Men immediately

ly jumping on the Deck of the Bark; the Engliſh man and the Captain threw themſelves into the Sea, with their Piſtols and Cutlaſſes in Hand, and ſwam aſhore.

The 10th Inſt. the three Priſoners were brought into this Port, and ſecured in our Jail, the Moor being dangerouſly wounded; their Fire Arms they threw overboard when they ſaw their Defeat accompliſhing by the above very fortunate Shot.

Proper Orders were immediately diſpatched for apprehending the two who had eſcaped, and in ſix Days they were taken at Almendzo, four Leagues from the Confines of Portugal, and brought Priſoners hither.——The Captain, whoſe Name is Juan Deroſta Pinto, had about him, in Spaniſh, Engliſh and Portugal Coin, to the Value of 380 Dollars: He was born at Viana in Portugal, and deſcended from a good Family, is about 30 Years of Age, and two Years ſince married Donna Maria Thereſa Roſſi, and had with her 4000 Dollars; he has had an exceeding good Education; he learnt Navigation in London, had a compleat Library in his Cabin, had conſiderable Experience in the late War in Naval Affairs, but was diſtinguiſhed for his Barbarity and Cruelty to the Captives, who were unfortunate enough to be taken by him.

He ſeems very penitent, and has made the following Confeſſion; declaring his Deſire to pay with his own, the many Lives he has wantonly taken away without the leaſt Provocation. The Account he gives of himſelf is to this Effect.——That being at Liſbon without any Employment, he got together nine others that had been guilty of Murder, and were Italian and Portugueſe Deſerters, who, with one Engliſhman, agreed to go on a pirating Expedition, and on the 10th of Auguſt laſt ſet ſail in the above Bark from the Bar of Liſbon; the 12th they met a French Ship, which appeared to be too ſtrong for them; but on the Afternoon of the ſame Day, coming up with an Iriſh Brig, which proved to be the Chriſtopher, John Herron, Maſter, from Malaga for Dublin, aſked them how many Hands they had on board; and were anſwered 9 or 10. Pinto ſwore in Engliſh, that he would board them that Night.

He then called for a Bottle of Brandy, and gave each of his Crew a Dram, and in the Duſk of the Evening came a long ſide the Brig, when one of the Italians pretending to ſpeak in the Mooriſh Language, they boarded them Sword in Hand. Deroſta ſays, at this Inſtant he ſaw a Stream of Fire in the Sky that caſt a Light on the whole Sea, which threw him into ſuch a Fright, he was undetermined whether he ſhould board them; but being preſſed by his Companions, they attacked the Defenceleſs Iriſh, who all quietly ſubmitted, ſaying only, "Gentlemen, what have we done that you ſhould kill us?"

After they had bound eight of them, which they ſubmitted to without the leaſt Oppoſition, they began to be afraid that two Portugueſe Paſſengers, whom they had left in their Bark, might diſcover them; wherefore calling to them, told them their Deſign, and that if they did not come into it, they would take proper Methods with them; but the Portugueſe accepted their Invitation with Eagerneſs, offered to go Hand in Hand with them, and to ſhew how compleatly villainous they were qualified for their Company, took up an Iriſh Boy, wrapt him in a Sheet, and threw him overboard. The eight poor Iriſh were all ſerved in the ſame Manner, crying out moſt dolefully, till they were drowned, "Lord forgive them who are guilty of our Deaths, and treat us ſo inhumanly!"——

The Mate was an Eye Witneſs of this unheard of Spectacle, being promiſed Life; but Pinto ſoon altered his Mind, and throwing him into the Sea after his Ship Mates, fell to rifling the Brig of her Gold and Silver, and laſhing the Tiller faſt, diſmiſſed her, ſetting ſail for St. Lucar to change his Silver.——The Brig was ſallen in with the next Day by a Catalan Bark, Felix Pablo, Maſter, bound to Ferrol, who carried her into Faro, and delivered her to the Engliſh and Spaniſh Conſuls, claiming a third Part of the Value as Salvage, being loaden with Wines, and upwards of 100 Tons Burthen.

Pinto arrived at St. Lucar the 14th, at five in the Evening, where he was deſerted by almoſt all his Crew; and having decoyed one George Dean, an Engliſh Seaman, into his Service, under Pretence of going to Gibraltar, to purchaſe a Portugueſe Veſſel that had been taken by the Moors, he ſet ſail again with three others of his Deſperadoes.—Dean ſoon found he was on a contrary Courſe to what he expected, and off Retta inſiſting to be put aſhore, immediately they tied a great Stone about his Neck and threw him overboard.

Soon after they met an Engliſh Brig, from the River of Seville, which they wanted to board, and followed her all Day; but the Brig ſuſpected their Deſign, and threatened them with a warm Reception.

Off Cape Traffelar they boarded an Engliſh Schooner, loaden with Barley, from whom they took a Caſk of Water and ſome Beer, having nothing elſe worth their Acceptance. Pinto and his Villains were very deſirous to put theſe poor People out of their Way, as they had done the others, but being ſo poor a Prize, waved putting their Deſigns in Execution.

At his Arrival at Terriff, he went on ſhore, but returned on board in a Hurry, having murdered a Man, (who, he ſays, attempted to rob him) by giving the poor Wretch ſo many Stabs with a Knife, that the Handle remained in his Hand, and the Blade in the Body of the Deceaſed. He brought a Negro on board with him, who was a Slave to the Adminiſtrator of Tobacco, and the fifth Perſon of this infernal Gang. He then directed his Courſe for Liſbon, but hearing at Mente Gordo that two of his Aſſociates, who left him at St. Lucar, were taken up, he altered his Mind, and came to the Bar of this Place as above.

I am, Sir, &c.

December 22. *We hear from Biceſter, Oxfordſhire, that laſt Friday Night, having received an Account, that the Repeal of the Jew Bill was ſign'd by the King, they continued ringing of Bells all Day on Saturday, and at Night near ALL the principal Inhabitants aſſembled at the King's Arm's; where Joy ſeem'd to be expreſs'd by every Countenance, except* one or two, *who were a little* dull. *The firſt Health that was drank was, Thanks to Sir James Daſhwood, for his ſucceſsful Endeavours towards the ſaid Repeal; after that, Thanks to Lord Harley, Sir James Daſhwood, and the reſt of that glorious* Minority, *who were for preventing any ill Conſequences for the future; and alſo to put an End to what ſome Jews have lately advanced, (That they could acquire a Power of purchaſing Lands, by being born in England) by repealing what belong'd to the Jews in the Act paſſed in 1740; and by adding a Clauſe to the above Bill, That the Jews ſhould by no Means ever acquire a Power either to purchaſe or inherit. While they were celebrating the Night within Doors, a Half Hogſhead of Ale was given to the Populace, who were* numerous, *and* unanimous *in their Cries,* No Jews; No Naturalization; *but* Wenman and Daſhwood for ever; *and were juſt return'd to a Bonfire on the Market-Hill, from a Proceſſion round the Town with the Effigy of a* Jew, *who they named* Ned. *A Jew was alſo fix'd in the Middle of the Bonfire. The Whole was concluded to the Satisfaction of every Body. The Illuminations were the largeſt ever known at Biceſter.*

A Perſon of Character who arrived laſt Week from Paris brought the following Account of an extraordinary Affair that happened lately at Rouen: A Gentleman for whom the People of that City had a great Regard being in his laſt Agonies, was deſirous of receiving the Sacraments; but the Prieſt who was called for that Purpoſe, abſolutely refuſed to adminiſter them, becauſe the Sick Man would not declare his Aſſent to the Conſtitution Unigenitus; and ſtood by the Gentleman's Fireſide perſiſting in his Refuſal till he ſaw him expire: Which being told to the People, who waited to know the Event, they ſeized the uncharitable Bigot as ſoon as he appeared, and tore him to Pieces. After this they continued aſſembled the whole Day; and next Morning a written Paper was found paſted on the Door of the Houſe where the Gentleman died, containing theſe Words: Let the Parliament find Heads, and the People will find Hands. *Afterwards the ſame Advertiſement was ſtuck up in Print in moſt Public Places.*

Letters from Dublin of the 15th, ſay, that by the late great Froſts and Snow, and by the heavy Rains that followed, many Rivers overflowed their Banks, and particularly the Liffey, by which ſeveral Ships received great Damage, by running foul of one another; others drove out to Sea, as many more would have done, had it not been for a large Dutch Veſſel that ſunk in the middle of the River, near Ringſend: Several Sailors were cruſhed to Death among theſe Ships; and it was much feared that they ſhould hear from other Parts of great Damages done by Floods, and of human Creatures and Cattle being drowned.

The Damages of the above Ships, ſmall Veſſels and Boats, are computed at many Thouſand Pounds, beſides many Lives loſt and Limbs broken.

Cork, Dec. 11. *We hear that a Veſſel, laden with Rum for Dublin, was burned by Negligence of the Men, in drawing ſome Spirits ſo near a lighted Candle, that they took Fire. The Crew got ſafe in their Boat to Wicklow.*

Navan, Dec. 12. *The Floods here are greater than the oldeſt Man can remember: Laſt Night the further Arch of the new Bridge over the Boyne was carried away; this Morning the nearer Arch underwent the ſame Fate; and we hourly expect the Deſtruction of the Remainder. One Man is miſſing; the Roads are in ſeveral Parts impaſſable for Carriages, and the Mills and Houſes on the Bank have ſuſtained the greateſt Damage.*

WILLIAMSBURG.

The SPEECH of the Honourable *ROBERT DINWIDDIE*, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*, to the General Aſſembly of the ſaid Province, on Thurſday the 14th of *February*, 1754.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Houſe of Burgeſſes,

NOTHING leſs than a very important Concern, could have induced me to call you together again, after ſo ſhort a Receſs; but the Dignity of the Crown of *Great Britain*, the Welfare of all the Colonies on this Continent, and more eſpecially of this Dominion, engage me to have your Advice and Aſſiſtance in an Affair of the greateſt Conſequence.

Major *Waſhington*, who was ſent by me to the Commandant of the *French* Forces on the River *Ohio*, being returned, informs me he found that Officer at a Fort they had erected on a Creek running into the *Ohio*, and that they were then preparing all Neceſſaries for building another Fort on that River; that they had Two Hundred and Twenty Canoes made, and many more rough hewed, to be made, in order to tranſport, early this Spring, a great Number of regular Forces, not leſs than Fifteen Hundred Men, with their Indians in Friendſhip with them, down the River *Ohio*, in order to build many more Fortreſſes on it; and they propoſed *Logg's Town* to be the chief Place of their Rendezvous.

Major *Waſhington* further reports, That he aſked why they had ſeized the Goods of our Traders, and ſent their Perſons Priſoners to *Canada*; to which the Commandant anſwered, "That his Orders from their General, the Governor of *Canada*, were, *Not to permit any* Engliſh *Subjects to trade on the Waters of the* Ohio, *but to ſeize their Goods, and ſend them Priſoners to* Quebec." He alſo aſked the Reaſon of taking Mr. *Frazier*'s Houſe from him, which he had built and lived in upwards of Twelve Years? He ſaid, "That Man was lucky that he had made his Eſcape, or he would have ſent him Priſoner to *Canada*."

Theſe Tranſactions are entirely inconſiſtent with the Treaties ſubſiſting between the two Crowns, and contrary to my Inſtructions from his Majeſty, whereby I am directed to prevent any Foreign Power, ſettling or building any Fortreſſes on his Majeſty's Lands.

Add to the aforementioned unjuſtifiable Inſults of the *French*, the cruel and barbarous Murder, in cool Blood, of a whole Family in this Dominion, Man, Wife, and five Children, no longer ago than laſt Month; and very lately a poor Man on the South Branch of *Potowmack*, robbed of his Son. Theſe Depredations were ſaid to be done by the *French* Indians, but if I be rightly informed, ſome of the *French* Subjects always go with the Indians, on theſe Incurſions, and are both privy to, and Inſtigators of, their Robberies and Murders.

How compaſſionate muſt then be the diſtreſsful Situation of that poor unhappy Family! ſurrounded by a Crowd of Miſcreants dreadfully ruſhing on to perpetrate the moſt ſavage Barbarities, inexorable to the Parent's Intreaties, inſenſible to the Cries of the tender Infant, baſely determined to deſtroy, without Provocation, thoſe who could not reſiſt their Violence.

Think you ſee the Infant torn from the unavailing Struggles of the diſtracted Mother, the Daughters raviſhed before the Eyes of their wretched Parents; and then, with Cruelty and Inſult, butchered and ſcalped. Suppoſe the horrid Scene compleated, and the whole Family, Man, Wife, and Children (as they were) murdered and ſcalped by theſe relentleſs Savages, and then torn in Pieces, and in Part devoured by wild Beaſts, for whom they were left a Prey by their more brutal Enemies.

But how muſt your Indignation riſe when you extend your View to the Abettors of theſe Villainies. Such are the People whoſe Neighbourhood you muſt now prevent, or with the moſt probable Expectation think to ſee, in the Boſom of your Country, theſe Evils, that you as yet have only the melancholy Tidings of from your Frontiers.

Conſider the bloody Villains, thieviſhly lurking about a Man's Plantation, and where they dare not attack like Men, baſely, like Vermin, ſtealing and carrying away the helpleſs Infant, that happened to wander, though but a little Diſtance from his Father's Threſhold.

I assure you, Gentlemen, these Insults on our Sovereign's Protection, and Barbarities on our Fellow-Subjects, make deep Impressions on my Heart; and I doubt not, as you must hear them with Horror and Resentment but you will enable me, by a full and sufficient Supply, to exert the most vigorous Efforts, to secure the Rights and assert the Honour and Dignity of our Sovereign; to drive away these cruel and treacherous Invaders of your Properties, and Destroyers of your Families, and thereby to gratify my warmest Wishes in establishing the Security and Prosperity of *Virginia*, on the most solid and permanent Foundations.

Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I must earnestly recommend to you his Majesty's Commands, for a proper Supply, the immediate Necessity whereof, at this Time, I desire you will seriously consider, and by a ready and effectual Compliance, recommend yourselves and the Country to his Royal Favour.

This is your Part, Gentlemen.——What I could, before your Meeting, I have done, for the Public; and by the Advice of the Council I have array'd some Part of the Militia, which I have order'd up to the *Ohio* with all possible Expedition, to build a Fort there, at the Forks of *Monongahella*. And as his Majesty's gracious Present of Thirty Pieces of Cannon, Eighty Barrels of Powder, and other Ordnance Stores suitable, are arriv'd, I have sent Ten of the Cannon, and a Proportion of Ammunition to *Alexandria*, to be from thence transported as soon as possible to the *Ohio*.

I have wrote to the neighbouring Colonies for their Aid and Assistance, which I have good Reason to expect; but I must observe to you, that their Eyes are fix'd on your Proceedings, and I hope you will engage them, by a laudable Example, to contribute sufficiently for the common Cause.

The late Occasion having suggested to me some Defect in the *Act for making Provision against Invasions and Insurrections*, I think proper to observe to you, that the Pay is very unequally proportioned, being too high for the Soldier, and too low for the Officer; and there is no Provision made for a Doctor, a Commissary of Stores, and several other Requisites.——I think it would be better to pay the Militia in Money than Tobacco, by which there may be a Saving to the Country, and the Men better satisfied.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the House of Burgesses,

I look upon the Safety and Welfare of *Virginia* to depend on your Councils and Determinations, at this critical Juncture, which therefore ought to be uninterrupted by any Avocations from Prejudice, or unseasonable Divisions, at all Times the Bane of public Consultations, but which, at present, would be particularly fatal; and I doubt not, when you seriously consider the Importance of what is laid before you, you will find Duty, Honour, and your own Preservation, all united, to engage you to exert your Efforts equal to the Occasion.

The Season for entering upon Action being so near at Hand, your Session can be but short, and I desire to conclude with an earnest Exhortation to Concord and Expedition, lest if we be divided or slow in Deliberation, our Enemies may seize the Time we lose, and render any future Efforts ineffectual.

And in all Measures for his Majesty's Service, and the Good of this Colony, you will have my ready and zealous Concurrence.

Virginia, ss.

By the Honourable ROBERT DINWIDDIE, Esq; his Majesty's Lieutenant Governor, and Commander in Chief, of the Colony and Dominion of *Virginia*:

A PROCLAMATION,

For encouraging MEN to enlist in his Majesty's Service for the Defence and Security of this Colony.

WHEREAS *it is determined that a Fort be immediately built on the River* Ohio, *at the Fork of* Monongahella; *to oppose any further Encroachments, or hostile Attempts of the* French, *and the* Indians *in their Interest, and for the Security and Protection of his Majesty's Subjects in this Colony; and as it is absolutely necessary that a sufficient Force should be raised to erect and support the same: For an Encouragement to all who shall voluntarily enter into the said Service, I do hereby notify and promise, by and with the Advice and Consent of his Majesty's Council of this Colony, that over and above their Pay, Two Hundred Thousand Acres, of his Majesty the King of* Great Britain's *Lands, on the East Side of the River* Ohio, *within this Dominion, (One Hundred Thousand Acres whereof to be contiguous to the said Fort, and the other Hundred Thousand Acres to be on, or near the River* Ohio) *shall be laid off and granted to such Persons, who by their voluntary Engagement, and good Behaviour in the said Service, shall deserve the same. And I further promise, that the said Lands shall be divided amongst them immediately after the Performance of the said Service, in a Proportion due to their respective Merit, as shall be represented to me by their Officers, and held and enjoyed by them without paying any Rights, and also free from the Payment of Quit Rents, for the Term of Fifteen Years. And I do appoint this Proclamation to be read and published at the Court Houses, Churches and Chapels in each County within this Colony, and that the Sheriffs take Care the same be done accordingly.*

Given at the Council Chamber in Williamsburg, *on the 19th Day of* February, *in the 27th Year of his Majesty's Reign*, Annoque Domini 1754.

ROBERT DINWIDDIE.

GOD Save the KING.

February 8. By a Gentleman from *Augusta*, we have the melancholly Account, That *Robert Foyle*, of that County, living at the Head of *Memonangehella* River, a Branch of *Missisippi*, together with his Wife and five Children, the youngest about ten Years old, were found all murdered and scalped the 4th of last Month, supposed to have been done by the *Indians* about two Months before.

ANNAPOLIS.

Capt. Coolidge, *in the* Wilson, *and Capt.* Scougall, *in the* ——, *are arrived in* Patuxent, *from* London.

The General Assembly of this Province is yet sitting.

Custom House, Annapolis, *Enter'd since* Feb 7. Shallop Rawleigh, Thomas Grant, from York; Schooner Charles, Thomas Palmer, from Hampton; Schooner James, Joseph Crow, from N. Carolina.

Cleared for Departure,

Brig John and James, Thomas Allen, for Newry; Schooner Mermaid, Job Dennen, for Halifax; Schooner Charles, Thomas Palmer, for Hampton.

THE Managers of the *Baltimore* LOTTERY, hereby give Notice, That they will certainly draw it, on Tuesday the 30th of *April* ensuing.

N. B. A few of the Tickets are yet to be Sold at the POST OFFICE in *Annapolis*. 2

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of Mrs. *Priscilla Woodward*, near the Head of *South* River, in *Anne-Arundel* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Black Horse, has no perceivable Brand, but has two white Spots on the off Side of his Back, and another white Spot on his Neck near his Withers, and a bushy Tail.

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. pd. 1

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *William Hilary* in *Prince George's* County, near *Bladensburg*, taken up as a Stray, a Black Mare, branded with a Heart on her near Shoulder, about 12 Hands and a half high: She has a Colt with her about 8 Months old.

The Owner may have them again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges. 1 pd.

ANDREW BUCHANAN,

PERUKE-MAKER,

HAVING, lately purchased a large Quantity of all Sorts of the best of *English* HAIRS, will make WIGS of all Fashions, from One Guinea to Four Guineas Price. And any Gentlemen who are pleased to favour him with their Custom, may depend on being served with Fidelity and Care, by

Their humble Servant,

4 *Andrew Buchanan.*

N. B. Any Wig Makers may be supplied with Hairs, by the Pound, or Ounce, by the said *Buchanan*, at a very reasonable Price.

THE Subscriber hereby gives Notice, That he intends to apply to his Excellency the Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, for an Act of Insolvency.

X *Jasper Hall.*

JUST PUBLISHED,

(Containing 84 Pages in Folio).

And to be Sold by the Printer hereof,

THE LAWS made at the last Session of Assembly.

Baltimore County, *Feb.* 18. 1754.

WHEREAS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Esq; of *Philadelphia*, has constituted me his Attorney in Fact, for the Western Shore of this Province, for transacting his Affairs; This is therefore to require all Persons indebted to him, on this Side of the Bay, to make speedy Payment of their respective Debts, else they must expect Trouble, from 3

Their humble Servant,

William Young.

MARY SALISBURY,

PROPOSES keeping SCHOOL in *Annapolis*, at the House where Mr. *Sparrow* lived, near the Church, to Teach young LADIES FRENCH, and all Sorts of fine NEEDLE WORK, TAPESTRY, EMBROIDERY with Gold and Silver, and every other CURIOUS WORK which can be performed with a Needle, and all Education fit for young LADIES, except Dancing. 3

N. B. She will take in young LADIES to Board, and proposes to open School the 25th of *March*. Those young LADIES who intend to be her Scholars, are desired to leave their Names at the PRINTING OFFICE.

TO BE SOLD,

THE Dwelling-House and Lot where *Robert Gordon*, Esq; lately deceased, lived; as also the House where Mr. *William Thornton* now lives, and the Warehouses adjoining, with all the Improvements on the said Lot, for Sterling or Currency, by 3

Agnes Gordon, Administratrix.

N. B. If the said Houses and Lot, are not soon Sold, they will be Let.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Possession of *Solomon Turner*, living on *Bennit's* Creek in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Gelding, branded on the off Shoulder and Buttock with TH (Bottom upwards, join'd in one), has a narrow Blaze in his Face, and a bob Tail; and had on a small Bell. X

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is in the Possession of *William Herbert*, in *Frederick* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Horse, not branded, but has a small Star in his Forehead, and his hind Feet are white. X

The Owner may have him again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

RAN away from *Baltimore-Town*, in *Baltimore* County, on *Tuesday* the 5th of this Instant *February*, one *Martin Houfman*, a *Dutchman*, by Trade a Shoemaker, is about 30 Years old, of a middle Size, a swarthy Complexion, has short black curl'd Hair, has a cast in his Eyes, and speaks very much. Had on when he went away, a grey Forest Cloth Coat with white Metal Buttons, a red Worsted Damask Jacket, a Pair of black Leather Breeches with black Glass Buttons, a Pair of blue Worsted Stockings, and new Pumps. He took away a small Grey Horse, branded on the left Shoulder T, and a black Leather Saddle with a yellow Leather Housing. He is supposed to be gone over *Potowmack*. Whoever takes up the said Man, and brings him to the Subscribers, shall have Ten Pounds Reward. 4

Vitus Hartway.

Andrew Stiger.

Conformable to LAW,

NOTICE is hereby given, That there is at the Plantation of *Joshua Bond*, in *Baltimore* County, taken up as a Stray, a small Bay Mare, with a Blaze down her Face, and her near hind Foot white. X

The Owner may have her again, on proving his Property, and paying Charges.

COMMITTED to the Custody of the Sheriff of *Baltimore* County, some Time in *November* last, on Suspicion of being a Runaway, a Person who called himself *John Bennit*; but now says his true Name is *Ralph Sincox*, and that he belongs to one Capt. *John Howard*, living in *Virginia*. He is of low Stature, Battle-Hamm'd, Blear Eyed, and a Sawyer by Trade.

His Master may have him, on paying his Imprisonment Fees, and the Charge of this Advertisement. *William Young.*

Frederick-Town, January 1, 1754.

THE Subscriber hereby gives Notice, That he intends to apply to his Excellency the Governor, and the Upper and Lower Houses of Assembly, for an Act of Insolvency.

Thomas Reynolds.

To be Sold, for ready Money, or short Credit.

THREE Lots of Ground, lying in *Annapolis*, and at present in the Possession of Mr. *Richard Burdus*, with the Dwelling House and Out Houses, and all the other Improvements, such as Paling, Fencing, &c. which at present are in good Repair.

For Title and Price apply to

Robert Swan.

N. B. The Houses and Lots being formerly leased out at Twenty five Pounds *per Annum*, there are six Years of which yet to come.

February 5, 1754.

THE Subscriber having farmed his Lordship's Quit Rents, which have arisen and shall arise due in *Anne Arundel* County, from the 29th Day of *September* last 'til the 29th Day of *September*, 1755, doth hereby give Notice, That he will attend in the back Room of the Paper Currency Office, during the sitting of the Provincial Courts, Assize Courts, and County Courts, to receive the same. His Lordship's Tenants are therefore desired to be punctual in their Payments, forasmuch as he has contracted to account with his Lordship's Agent every Half Year, he will be obliged to take all legal Ways and Means for the collecting of the Rents as they become due.

Richard Dorsey.

JOHN FINNEY,

Living in CHARLES TOWN, *in* MARYLAND,

MAKES and Mends all Sorts of CLOCKS and WATCHES, in the best and cheapest Manner; and likewise makes and mends all Sorts of Gold and Silver Work.

To be Sold, by Wholesale, or in Parcels, by the Subscribers, at Public Vendue, on Wednesday *the* 20*th Day of* March *next, at the House of the Widow* Sims, *in* Frederick-Town *in* Frederick *County, at* 3 *o'Clock in the Afternoon, for Sterling or Current Money, and Time given for the Payment, on giving Security, if required.*

THE following Tracts of Land, lying in *Frederick* County, *viz.*

Cragg Mill, containing 20 Acres, whereon is a Merchant's Water Mill, double geered, with Geers for two Pair of Stones, with a good Bolting Mill, the House 30 Feet long and 20 Feet wide, new and in good Repair, with a strong Stone Dam, standing on *Linganore*, on the Main Road that leads from *Frederick Town* to *Annapolis* and *Baltimore Town*.

Friendship, containing 920 Acres.

The Land of Valleys, containing 264 Acres.

Brapheers Choice, containing 45 Acres, all contiguous to the Water-Mill aforesaid.

A Tract of Land, called *Hope*, containing 50 Acres, lying in *Frederick* County aforesaid.

And one other Tract, called *Bearhead*, containing 30 Acres, lying in *Anne-Arundel* County, on *Snowden's* River.

For Title apply to Mr. *William Cumming*, in *Annapolis*, who will attend the Sale.

Charles Grahame,
John Cooke.

NOTICE is hereby given, That the Subscriber will give constant Attendance at his Office, in *Annapolis*, on every Wednesday and Thursday before the Tenth of *April* next, to receive all such Money from the Inhabitants of this County as is due from them for Public Levies, or on any other Account, to

Their humble Servant,
Nathan Hammond, Sheriff
of *Anne Arundel* County.

INSPECTORS who are not, yet supplied with Books and Notes for the present Year, may be supplied with any Quantities on Application to

Jonas Green.

RAN away from the Subscriber, on the 4th of *February* last, an Indented Servant Man, named *James Robertson*, a *Scotchman*, about 25 Years of Age, a well set Fellow, about 5 Feet 6 Inches high, has a large Scar under his left Eye, and a red Beard. Had on when he went away, an Osnabrigs Shirt, a blue Pea Jacket, a Pair of black Cloth Breeches with Metal Buttons, a Pair of blue and white Cotton and Thread Stockings, and a Beaver Hat with a Patch near the Crown of it.

Whoever takes up the said Servant, and brings him to his Master, living near *West River*, shall have Thirty Shillings Reward, besides what the Law allows, paid by

4 *Anthony Smith.*

ALL Persons indebted to the Estate of the Rev. Mr. *John Lang*, late of *St. James's* Parish in *Anne-Arundel* County, deceased; and all those indebted to the Estate of Mrs. *Margaret Lang* (Widow of the late Rev. Mr. *Lang*), deceased, are desired to make speedy Payment to the Subscriber, to prevent Trouble: And all those who have any legal Claims on either of the said Estates, are desired to bring them in to,

5 *James Anderson*, Executor
to Mrs. *Margaret Lang.*

To be Sold by the Subscriber,

FOUR Hundred Acres of choice Land, lying in *Calvert* County, about four Miles below *Lower Marlborough*, and a Mile and a half from the River, is well Timber'd, and the Bounds proved.

The Terms may be known by applying to

Francis Chew.

To be Sold by the Subscriber,

GOOD *West India* Rum, *Muscovado* Sugar, Melasses, Coffee, Sash Glass, 12 by 10, 11 by 9, 10 by 8, 6 by 4, and Diamond Glass, Linseed-Oil, White Lead, and sundry dry Goods, for Cash, Pork, Beef, Corn, Wheat, Pease, Oats, or Parcels of good Tobacco.

10 *Patrick Creagh.*

Upper-Marlborough, January 28, 1754.

LEFT at the Subscriber's House in the Year 1749, or 1750, a small Box marked I M, with a Figure of 4, and Crow's Foot between the Letters; in which are contained, a Piece of Printed Callico, Ten Yards of *Irish* Linnen pretty fine, and a Piece of Osnabrigs.

The Owner may have them, on paying the Charge of this Advertisement, and applying with the Bill of Loading, to

5 *Benjamin Berry*, junior.

TO BE SOLD,

A PARCEL of Land, lying in *Frederick* County, near the great Falls of *Potowmack* River, containing 200 Acres, being Part of a Tract of Land, called the *Addition to James*. Any Person inclin'd to purchase the same, may apply to Mr. *James Holmeard*, junior, who will show the Land; and for Title and Terms apply to the Subscriber, living at *Upper Marlborough* in *Prince George's* County.

7 *Colmore Beanes.*

TO BE SOLD,

For Money, Tobacco, Indian *Corn, Wheat, Pork, or Lumber*,

A GOOD SLOOP that will carry near 1000 Bushels of Grain: She is well found with Sails, Rigging, Anchors, Cables, and all other Materials.

Kinsey Johns,
William Thornton.

N. B. Time for Payment will be given, on Security, if required.

Baltimore Town, November 6, 1753.

ALL Persons indebted to Mr. *Rowland Carnan*, now on his Voyage to *England*, or to the Estate of Mr. *Charles Carnan*, of *London*, Merchant, are desired to come and settle their Accounts forthwith; otherwise they must expect to be sued for their respective Debts, at *March* Court.

And any Persons having any just Claims or Demands on said *Rowland Carnan*, or the Estate of said *Charles Carnan*, are desired to apply for Payment of the same, in *Baltimore Town*, from Monday to Friday in every Week; and at *Elk Ridge* Landing every Saturday, where Attendance will be given, by

Chamier and *Carnan*, Attorneys in Fact to Mr. *Rowland Carnan*, and to the Trustees to the Estate of Mr. *Cha. Carnan*, of *London*.

JUST IMPORTED,

In the Ship BIDDEFORD, *Capt.* JOHN COLE, *from* BRISTOL, *and to be Sold by the Subscriber, at his new Store, near the Dock, in* ANNAPOLIS,

AN Assortment of *European* and *East India* GOODS, at very reasonable Rates, for Paper Money, Gold, or Bills of Exchange: He also Sells, good *Barbadoes* RUM, at 4 *s.* 6 *d. per* Gallon, SUGAR, at 8 *d. per* Pound, and Sour ORANGES, at 2 *s. per* Dozen.

John Raitt.

A SCHEME of a small LOTTERY;
For raising the Sum of 490 Pieces of Eight, for building a public Wharf at *Baltimore-Town*.

Numb. of Prizes.		*Pieces of Eight.*		*Total.*
2	of	100	are	200
3	of	50	are	150
3	of	30	are	90
6	of	20	are	120
10	of	15	are	150
20	of	10	are	200
50	of	5	are	250
612	of	3	are	1836
1 first drawn				7
1 last drawn				7
708 Prizes,				3010
1042 Blanks,				
1750 Tickets at 2 Pieces of Eight, are				3500
			For the public Wharf	490

By this Scheme there is not one Blank and a half to a Prize.

As there is nothing more wanting than a public Wharf in the Town, where the Trade is greatly increased within a few Years, it is not to be doubted but People will readily Adventure in this Lottery, who are Well-wishers to the Prosperity of the Town and Province.

Many of the Tickets being already engaged, it is suppos'd the Lottery will be full in a very short Time, of which public Notice will be given, and of the Time of Drawing.

A List of the Prizes will be published in the *Maryland* Gazette, as soon as the Drawing is compleated.

The following Persons are appointed Managers, who are to be under Oath, for the true Performance of their Trust, *viz.* Messrs. *John Stevenson, Richard Chase, John Moale, Charles Croxall, William Rogers, Nicholas Rogers, John Ridgely, N. Ruxton Gay, William Lux*, and *Brian Philpot*, jun.

Tickets to be had of any of the Managers, and at the POST-OFFICE, in *Annapolis*.

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